

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Agatha Trikouras

-against-

22-cv-2102-ENV-ARL

Nationwide Property and Casualty Insurance Company

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NOTICE DESIGNATING CASE TO ARBITRATION AND
NOTICE OF ARBITRATION HEARING

This case has been designated to participate in the non-binding Court Annexed Arbitration Program pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.7(d) which requires automatic referrals to arbitration in cases where monetary damages do not exceed \$150,000, excluding Social Security cases, tax matters, prisoners' Civil Rights cases and any action based on an alleged violation of a right secured by the Constitution of the United States or if jurisdiction is based in whole or in part on Title 28 U.S.C. S 1343. The arbitration award is non-binding; counsel have 30 days to request a trial de novo after an award is entered.

Cases in Court annexed Arbitration are decided by court appointed arbitrators chosen by counsel to hear the case.

ARBITRATION HEARING

The arbitration hearing will be scheduled by the Court after an Answer is filed for the case. The hearing will occur approximately 120 days after the Answer is filed. The parties will have that 120-day period to complete discovery unless the District Court Judge or Magistrate Judge orders a shorter or longer period for discovery.

Requests to change the hearing date must be filed electronically (ECF) and copied to the ADR Coordinator. Telephone calls to request adjournment of an Arbitration hearing will not be considered.

THE ARBITRATION AWARD

The Arbitration Award is non-binding; counsel have 30 days to request a trial de novo. The Arbitration Award is a confidential document and will not be filed on the Court docket.

After the hearing is held, the arbitrator will submit the award to the ADR Coordinator. The award will then be emailed to counsel at the EDNY registered

email address for the attorneys on the case.

Within thirty (30) days after the award is entered on the docket, any party may demand, in writing, a trial de novo in the District Court.

If a trial de novo is not filed within 30 days of the award being entered; The award will become a final judgment of the court

LOCAL RULES: ARBITRATION

The Local Rules governing Court Annexed Arbitration are found here:
https://img.nycourts.gov/files/local_rules/localrules.pdf

Additional arbitration instructions for parties and counsel can be found here:
<https://www.nycourts.gov/adr-forms>

In the event a party fails to participate in the arbitration process in a meaningful manner, or comply with the rules, herein, the Court may impose appropriate sanctions, including, but not limited to, the striking of any demand for a trial de novo filed by that party.

PRO SE LITIGANTS

If you are representing yourself and your case is filed in the Brooklyn Courthouse you may be eligible for free legal assistance from the Pro Se Legal Assistance Project operated by the New York City Bar Association. To schedule an appointment call: 212-382-4729 or visit their website at:
<https://www.citybarjusticecenter.org/projects/federal-pro-se-legal-assistance-project/>

If you are representing yourself and your case is filed in the Central Islip Courthouse you may be eligible for free legal assistance from the Pro Se Legal Assistance Program operated by Hofstra Law School. To schedule an appointment call: 613-297-2575 or e-mail: pslap@hofstra.edu You may visit their website at:
<https://proseprogram.law.hofstra.edu/>

If you are a pro se litigant and wish to receive electronic notification of court issued filings, please follow the instructions available here:

<https://img.nycourts.gov/files/forms/ProSeConsElecSvc-Instructions.pdf>

REMOTE ARBITRATION HEARINGS DURING COVID-19

EDNY arbitrations shall be conducted remotely during the Covid-19 Pandemic until further notice. The Arbitrator will provide the video conferencing platform for the arbitration. EDNY arbitrators who are capable of conducting remote arbitrations are listed here:

<https://www.nyed.uscourts.gov/adr/?geo=&specialtyMult=21>

If either party does not wish to proceed with remote arbitration, please file a letter on the docket, addressed to the assigned Judge, stating the reasons you do not wish to proceed with a remote arbitration hearing.

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPANTS IN REMOTE ARBITRATION

Please review the Remote Arbitration participant guidelines for further information about remote EDNY arbitration proceedings:

<https://www.nyed.uscourts.gov/alternative-dispute-resolution>

NOTICE SCHEDULING ARBITRATION HEARING
And Arbitration Pre-Hearing Conference

An Arbitration hearing is scheduled for: **August 9, 2022 @ 10:00 a.m.**

On or before: **June 10, 2022**, counsel will select an Arbitrator from the [Court's Panel of Arbitrators](#) and schedule a pre-arbitration hearing conference with the Arbitrator.

Counsel will submit a fully executed Stipulation for Selection of Arbitrator to the ADR Coordinator, Rita Credle, by email –
at: Rita_credle@nyed.uscourts.gov. and provide the date of the pre-hearing conference in the email. The Stipulation for Selection of Arbitrator can be found here:

<https://www.nyed.uscourts.gov/adr-forms>

Dated: April 20, 2022

By: Rita Credle
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